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Letter dated 8 August 1995 from the Permanent Representative of China to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

On 10 July 1995, the Permanent Representatives of Nicaragua and Solomon Islands to the United Nations addressed a letter (A/49/951) to you in which they requested to have Lee Teng-hui's speech and Fredrick F. Chien's letter circulated as documents of the General Assembly. The Chinese Government and people express their utmost indignation at and strong opposition to this move, which constitutes a serious infringement upon the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations, a violation of General Assembly resolution 2758 (XXVI) as well as a gross encroachment upon and interference in China's sovereignty and internal affairs.

As is known to all, there is but one China in the world, which is the People's Republic of China, and Taiwan is an inalienable part of China. Resolution 2758 (XXVI), adopted by the General Assembly at its twenty-sixth session in 1971, restored all the lawful seats and rights of the People's Republic of China in the United Nations and all its agencies and expelled the representatives of the Taiwan authorities, thus settling once and for all and in a just manner the question of China's representation in the United Nations politically, legally and procedurally. The General Committee of both the forty-eighth and forty-ninth sessions of the General Assembly decided not to include the question of the so-called "Taiwan's representation" in the agenda of the Assembly, which reflected the firm position of the general membership in safeguarding the sanctity of the Charter and the authority of the General Assembly resolution.

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Lee Teng-hui's speech and Fredrick Chien's letter openly preach about splitting China and are a brazen attack on and a vicious attempt to overthrow resolution 2758 (XXVI). They constitute an affront to the authority of the General Assembly resolution and the dignity of the vast majority of Member States and are aimed at creating "two Chinas" and "one China, one Taiwan" in the United Nations. After requesting the inclusion of the so-called "Taiwan's representation in the United Nations" in the provisional agenda of the fiftieth session of the General Assembly, Nicaragua and Solomon Islands, in disregard of the firm opposition of the Chinese Government, are now further requesting official distribution of the two above-mentioned papers. This is a premeditated move to propagandize for Taiwan's creation of "two Chinas" and "one China, one Taiwan" and undermine the grand cause of China's reunification by taking advantage of this solemn forum of the United Nations. It is obviously not a move out of ignorance of history, but rather a move with ulterior motives.

The United Nations is an intergovernmental international organization composed of sovereign States. Article 4 of the United Nations Charter clearly stipulates that only sovereign States are entitled to become Members of the United Nations. Taiwan is a province of China. Therefore, the principle of "universality" is not applicable to it at all. Taiwan thus has no qualifications whatsoever to join the United Nations. The move by Nicaragua and Solomon Islands, which violates the Charter and the relevant resolution of the General Assembly, ignores both history and reality and goes against the historical tide and the will of the overwhelming majority of Members of the United Nations, is bound to meet with opposition from most Member States.

I have the honour to request you to have the present letter circulated as a document of the fiftieth session of the General Assembly under item 53 of the provisional agenda.

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